tion during 1981-91 decade, based on 1991 Census, has been of the order of 2.11%. In terms of the Sample Registration System (SRS) estimates for the year 1990, the natural growth rate of population has been of the order of only 2.03%.

(b) The present rate of increase of food production in the country is more as compared to the rate of population growth. Nevertheless; all out efforts are being made to further raise the food production and to bring down the growth rate of population.

Arrest of British nationals in Nagaland

@3736-B. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some British nationals were recently arrested in Nagaland ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that apprehended British nationals were ex-convicts and had served imprisonment in the U.K. and other countries for criminal activities ; if so, the reasons for extending them visa for visiting India ; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to detect presence of foreign nationals involved in espionage and subsersive activities in north-east and other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two British nationals namely David Ward and Stephan Hillman entered Nagaland unauthorisedly in November, 1991. They were found organising meetings in Nagaland and indulging in virulent subversive anti-India propaganda. On 30th January 1992 ; they were arrested alongwith 13 Nagas under the National Security Act by the Security Forces after an exchange of fire in which one Naga died. Chinese made LMG, Rifles, ammunitions, one video camera with cassettes etc. were recovered.

(c) Both of them are ex-convicts. However, in applying for visa, they made misdeclaration regarding their occupation and place and purpose of visit.

(d) Foreigners wishing to visit North Eastern Region have to obtain Restricted Area Permit or Protected Area Permit.

Representation from the tribals of Manipur

@@3736-C. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the tribals of Manipur in a memorandum submitted to Government urged the extension of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to the hill areas of the State ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Representaions for extension of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India to the hill areas of Manipur have been received from

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@@Previously Unstarred Question 3284 transferred from the 23rd March, 1992.

time to time. These areas already enjoy a degree of autonomy under the Manipur (Hills Areas) district Council Act, 1971. Such decisions need to be taken only in consultation with representative State Government. Presently the State is under President's Rule.

Examination conducted by Delhi Administration

$3736-D. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Selection Board, Delhi Administration, Delhi sometime conducts written examination/interviews of the persons sponsored by Employment Exchange, Delhi Administrations, Delhi for Group 'C' posts ; and

(b) if so, the criteria for fixing the seniority of officials on joining Group 'C' posts after being selected by the Board ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The informtion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of Boys and Girls

$$3736- E. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Statesman, New Delhi Edition on 2nd February, 1992 captioned "Boys and girls sold for a song" ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Gandhi Ground (popularly known as Company bagh) near Town Hall, Delhi is the biggest centre for such a trade ; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken/or are proposed to be taken to stop such crime ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that a number of children are drawn to Delhi in search of livelihood and the possibility of some adult persons fixing job for such helpless children by winning their confidence cannot be entirely ruled out. The police has stated that no incidence has come to their notice to suggest that Gandhi Ground is a centre for trade in human flash.

(c) The police men have been instructed to remain vigilant about such un-social elements.

Aromatic factory in Tamil Nadu

$$$3736–F. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether aromatic factory, proposed and approved by the previous Government for Tamil Nadu has been established ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

$Previously Unstarred Question 3997, transferred from the 26th March, 1992.

$$Previously Unstarred Question 4196, transferred from 27th March, 1992.

$$$Previously Unstarred Question 3755, transferred from the 26th March, 1992.